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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on June 19, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 1-89 and 91-93, amendment of previously pending claim 90 and addition of new claims 94-115. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please cancel claims 1-89 and 91-93 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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90. (Amended) A device for immobilizing a primary instrument, including:  
a base, sized and shaped to be secured about a burr hole in a skull; and  
[attached] coupled to the base, a stabilizer to engage the instrument inserted through the burr hole, the stabilizer including a movable [cam] member to define an opening sized and shaped to immobilize the instrument with respect to the burr hole.

94. (New) The device of claim 90, in which the base comprises a ring defining an access lumen concentric to the burr hole.

95. (New) The device of claim 94, in which the base further comprises a lip, extending circumferentially about the access lumen, the lip sized and shaped to receive and support at least

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